

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Shimoji et al.
App. No	: 10/564,874
Filed	: January 17, 2006
For	: SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	: Orkin, Alexander J.
Art Unit	: 3773
Conf No.	: 3870

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 29, 2009**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 29, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

**The Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. As no amendments have been requested, the listing of the current pending claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.